

District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



In the wake of the horrific Orlando shootings, our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims, their families, and friends.

Bahia Mar – The City received notice on June 17 that the developers were withdrawing their proposal for the property, citing unfavorable Boat Show lease terms and community opposition among the reasons for their decision.

City Budget Hearings – The first public hearing on the FY 2017 City Budget will be held during the Sept. 7 Commission Meeting (moved to Wednesday due to Labor Day Holiday when City Hall will be closed). The second budget hearing is set for Monday, Sept. 12. Both hearings will take place at 6 PM in the City Commission Chambers at Fort Lauderdale City Hall.

South Side School – The building has been fumigated, and now we must address new water-infiltration issues, so the school can be made water tight before any internal renovations can be made. We have asked the City Attorney whether we might have recourse under the settlement agreement with previous vendors for latent defects and misinformation we were given about work supposed to have been done to prevent future water damage, for example. On June 21, staff informed the Commission that the current contractor has disposed of all old wood kept onsite. Staff said the historic Dade County pine flooring salvaged from the school was apparently stored with other wood for several years in containers outdoors and deemed unusable due to damage from moisture. The new timeline for completion will be pushed out to the first quarter of 2017. For a video of our discussion on June 21, log on to http://fortlauderdale.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=578 and click on Agenda Item CF-1. For questions, contact Senior Project Manager Scott Teschky at 954-828-6195 or STeschky@fortlauderdale.gov.

Seawall Ordinance – On June 21, we approved modifications to the Seawall Ordinance (ULDR Sec 47-19.3). Future projections for higher sea levels must be addressed now in areas where tidal flooding is already an issue, such as the isle communities along Cordova Road and Las Olas Boulevard. King tides are coming in higher than predicted here, and there's been unprecedented road flooding in areas that haven't flooded before.

The modifications: 1) set a minimum seawall elevation at 3.9 feet NAVD88 (current allowable maximum); 2) recommend design of new seawalls for future height adjustment up to 5.0 feet NAVD88; 3) set an allowable maximum height of a seawall based on a property's base flood elevation and provide a waiver option for properties with a finished floor less than 3.9 feet NAVD88; 4) require seawall reconstruction to the minimum elevation if the substantial repair threshold is triggered; 5) require maintaining seawalls in good repair and set a timeline of 365 days for completion of repairs, if cited; 6) require owners to prevent tidal waters entering their property from impacting others and set a timeline of 365 days for remedy, if cited; 7) allow fixed docks to extend 10 inches above the adjacent seawall; and, 8) allow for floating docks and require them to be permitted and permanently attached.

➤ For flood zone information, visit our FEMA Flood Zone Viewer at <http://gis.fortlauderdale.gov/FemaFloodZones/>.

2016 Telephone Town Hall Meetings – If you missed Mayor Seiler's Telephone Town Hall Meeting on June 13, you may listen to a recording from a link on this page: <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/public-affairs-office/telephone-town-hall-meetings>. The rest of the schedule is as follows:

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| - Vice Mayor Trantalis – Thursday, July 14 | - Commissioner McKinzie – Tuesday, September 13 |
| - Commissioner Roberts – Tuesday, August 30 | - Commissioners Rogers – Thursday, October 13 |

All calls will take place from 7 - 8 PM. The dial-in number is 1-888-410-3427.

New Staff – Christian ("Chris") Carbonera has been selected as our new Neighbor Support Coordinator within the City Manager's Office. If you have an issue regarding day-to-day operations of the City, please contact Chris at 954-828-5063 or CCarbonera@fortlauderdale.gov. You may also report issues to our 24/7 Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000, as well as the City's online Launderserve system at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/public-affairs-office/launderserv>.

For Your Calendar:

Vacation Rental Registration Public Workshop – Wednesday, June 29, 3 - 6 PM, City Commission Chambers, 100 N Andrews Avenue. Fort Lauderdale neighbors, property owners, and all other interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Discussion will focus on potential changes to Ordinance C-15-29.

4th of July Spectacular – Monday, July 4, Noon - 9:30 PM, Fort Lauderdale Beach at A1A and E Las Olas Boulevard

Hazardous Waste Drop-off – Saturday, July 23, 9 AM - 2 PM, Mills Pond Park, 2201 NW 9 Avenue (Powerline Road)

➤ The Commission adjourns for summer recess July 13 - August 15, when I will hold my regular Pre-Agenda Meeting. The Commission Office will remain open; however, no meetings will be scheduled during summer recess. For questions, contact MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028 or mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov.